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SUBJ: M/V JOSE GREGORIO
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1. EMBASSY ON JUNE 28 SUBMITTED NOTE TO GOV REQUESTING
BOTH PERMISSION TO BOARD AND INSPECT AS WELL AS PERMISSION
TO USE MINIMUM FORCE UP TO FIRING 3-INCH GUN TO IMMOBILIZE
JOSE GREGORIO.

2. CHARGE SPOKE TO FOREIGN MINISTER EVENING OF JUNE 28
AND MINISTER SAID HE WOULD HOLD A MEETIN MORNING JUNE 29
TO DECIDE WHETHER GOV WOULD AUTHORIZE USE OF 3-INCH GIN.
BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED
TO CHARGE THEIR DISCOMFITURE WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT
SOMEONE ABOARD THE JOSE GREGORIO MIGHT BE WOUNDED OR
EVEN KILLED.

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3. ABOUT MID-DAY JUNE 29, DEPUT FOREIGN MINISTER
TELEPHONED CHARGE TO SAY THAT GOV WOULD NOT RPT NOT
AUTHORIZE USCG TO FIRE ON VENEZUELAN VESSEL. BASED ON
ITS KNOWLEDGE OF HOW GOV OPERATES, EMBASSY ASSUMES
THIS DECISION WAS CLEARED BY PRESIDENT PEREZ.

4. COMMENT: GOV AWARE THAT IF JOSE GREGORIO ESCAPES WITHOUT

STOPPING EVEN AFTER BEING HELIED BY USCG, THERE IS A RISK
THAT OTHER VESSELS ENGAGED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING WILL REALIZE
THAT USCG WILL NOT FIRE UPON THEM, THUS ERODING USCG CREDIBILITY.
NEVERTHELESS, THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO JUSTIFY TO THE
VENEZUELAN PRESS THAT GOV HAD AUTHORIZED USCG TO TAKE ACTION
WHICH RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OR DEATH OF SOMEONE ABOARD
JOSE GREGORIO, WHETHER VENEZUELAN OR NOT, WAS APPARENTLY TOO
MUCH FOR VENEZUELAN TO ACCEPT. FOREIGN MINISTRY RECOMMENDS
DILIGENCE CONTINUE TO SHADOW JOSE GREGORIO UNTIL THAT LATTER
RUNS OUT OF FUEL.
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